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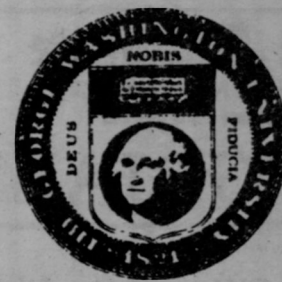
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Dean Friedenthal Assumes the Helm of the NLC

by Kevin O'Hare and
Sally Weinbrom

"It was an aura of excitement that attracted me [to The NLC]. This is one of those interesting places that is good with a chance to improve. It is a nice challenge."

So begins the tenure of Dean Jack Friedenthal whose attitude toward his new job as Dean of the National Law Center is enthusiastic, yet pragmatic. Friedenthal has brought to Washington an extensive agenda which he plans to implement as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Friedenthal's road to GW started in October of 1987 when the Dean Search Committee was charged with the task of finding a worthy successor to Dean Jerome Barron. The committee's task was not an easy one. Dean Barron has been responsible for the renovations of the law school building, the expansion of the law school faculty and the enhancement of the law school's national reputation over the past nine years.

Dean Friedenthal emerged from a short list of eminently qualified candidates to be selected as the new head of the law school. His credentials are impressive. The George E. Osborne Professor of Law at Stanford University, Dean Friedenthal graduated from Stanford in 1953 and Harvard Law in 1958. While at Harvard he served as an editor on the law review and was voted a

member of the Order of the Coif. He is the co-author of numerous text books, including the Civil Procedure texts used by some first year classes at the NLC, several books on evidence and a Hornbook on civil procedure.



Dean Jack Friedenthal

He has also written various law review articles which have appeared in *The Stanford Law Review*, *The Washington Law Quarterly*, and the *American Association of University Professors Bulletin*.

Not just an academic, Friedenthal has also served as a consultant to the California Law Revision Committee and to the Government of the Marshall Islands. He has served as a Judge for the Court of Small Claims for Santa Clara County, an Acting Deputy District Attorney for Ventura County and on the Board of the San Francisco Legal Foundation.

Friedenthal has already completed his first task as Dean, an evaluation of the NLC's strengths and some of its weaknesses.

In an interview with the *Advocate* last week, Friedenthal emphasized the professors of the school as its prime asset. "Our young faculty is very promising and very good. Teaching counts here. This is a full time institution that is ready to blossom out further and I encourage that." Friedenthal lauded the rest of the existing faculty as well, adding that "if we want to attract the best [faculty and students], we must have the best here." While praising the state of the NLC as a teaching institution, Friedenthal admitted that "we have to knock it up to a higher pitch".

The curriculum, is also good, Friedenthal added, but he has some innovative ideas that could expand the NLC's function as a learning center as well as its reputation as a national law school.

Specifically, Dean Friedenthal stated that though the NLC was

strong in the basics, he felt that a program of "externships" would greatly broaden the student's legal education. An "externship", according to the Dean, is a semester of credit in a legal environment other than the NLC. Interested students submit proposals detailing their externship plans to work for an organization which will land the student for a semester in an intellectually stimulating environment outside the classroom.

By "intellectually stimulating" the Dean said he does not mean a law firm or a judicial clerkship. Rather, he would like to see GW law students working in the policy arms of federal agencies or the legal offices of public interest organizations. And if that office was in Denver, so would be the GW law student.

Ties between the student and the school would be maintained by the close supervision of the student's work by a faculty member. The student would also be expected to submit a paper for a grade at the end of the semester describing his work. Students would not be permitted to accept salaries, but rather, benefit mainly from the experience of "practicing" the law instead of just learning it.

"If done properly, this could be a superb experience," Friedenthal said. Indeed if the program works favorably, it could become mandatory for all students, according to the Dean. It is important to note that this

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Vote To Be Taken On Commencement Site

by Karen Kmak

In order to enhance the dignity of the NLC class of 1989's graduation and provide an inspirational start for the graduate's legal careers, the Commencement Committee of the NLC Student Bar Association is proposing a change of location for the graduation ceremonies. All third years are urged to vote in the upcoming survey indicating their preferred choice.

Four sites are under consideration: first, in order to preserve the status quo, the Smith Center Gymnasium is a strong possibility; second, an off-site ceremony at Constitution Hall may be feasible; third, an outdoor graduation in the quad is another alternative; fourth, an outdoor ceremony might also be held at one of either two sites on the Mall.

These proposals present an opportunity for prospective NLC graduates to elect to move the ceremony out of the gymnasium. However, for such a move to be approved by Dean Friedenthal and subsequently by President Trachtenberg, unanimous student support must be manifested in the form of a student vote. Participation by all prospective May '89 graduates in this "election" of the Commencement's locale is therefore essential.

Day, Evening and LLM students who plan on graduating should be sure to cast their ballots during the first week of classes. The rules are: one student, one vote. Ballots will be distributed and collected in the first and third floor lounges, in the SBA office, and at tables set-up outside of certain 3L classes.

A sample ballot is printed below, along with a chart of the pro's and cons of the four alternative ceremony sites.

Ceremony at Constitution Hall
Reception on the Quad (Rain, Alternative-Marvin Center)

*Pros

- 1) Enhance the dignity of the event.
- 2) Individual seating in air conditioned setting.
- 3) Proximity to GWU (18th and C St. N.W.)
- 4) All-Weather Ceremony
- 5) Prior Commencements (in the 60's) were held there. Staff is very accommodating
- 6) Easy set-up and tear down.
- 7) Seating capacity would permit 8 tickets per graduate.

*Cons

- 1) Cost increase. Total cost is over \$3500 [equivalent of \$8.00 per graduate if graduates are charged.

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Enrichment Series Speakers Announced

James C. McKay

Independent Counsel,
Nofziger and Meese
Investigations

Sept. 8, 4:15
Lerner, Room LL101

Warren Burger

Former Chief Justice
U.S. Supreme Court

(End of September)

Floyd Abrams

First Amendment
Expert

October 19th

Lewis Powell

Former Associate
Justice
U.S. Supreme Court

November 1st

Beano Schmidt

President, Yale

February 7

Geoffrey Stone

Dean, Chicago Law

February 23

Geoffrey Hazzard

Professor, Yale
Director, American Legal Institute

(Early March)

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EDITORIALS

Bills, GW and the NLC

Many of you may have noticed a discrepancy between the two tuition bills you received in July. The July 19th bill stated tuition and student activity fees as \$5,750.50. On July 29th, the bill went up to \$6,125.50.

According to the Student Accounts Office, the first bill was a mistake, the result of a mis-key into the computer which resulted in the accidental issue of 1988/89 bills at 1987/88 rates.

This error points out one of the most aggravating aspects of paying tuition to the NLC. First, the Byzantine method by which billing and law school finances are divided between the law school and the University, and second, the fact that such division is at best confusing and at worst a rip-off.

Anyone funding their education through loans will tell you of the frustration engendered by traveling between the law school, the University Student Accounts Office and the University Financial Aid Office to make sure that loans have arrived and have been applied appropriately. At any step, forms may be lost, mis-applied or held up, particularly because little in the bill payment system seems to be computerized. And, as we have seen in the July bill mix-up, even the computer has the same flaws as its operator.

More galling is the law students' sense that the money they pay does not all go to the law school. While the law students pay \$2,000 a year more in tuition than the undergraduates because of the recent capital improvements made to the law school building, there is still the sneaking suspicion that GW University, the largest landholder in the District of Columbia, benefits more from our tuition dollars than we do. For example, Ex-university President Elliot, before leaving the school this past summer mandated an across the board budget cut for all university departments because of fund deficiencies. Yesterday, *The Washington Post* announced the purchase of a \$1.9 million home for the new University President. And our tuition increased at a rate 2% above inflation.

Dean Friedenthal is to be commended for his plan to sever law school fundraising projects from the University's fundraising. Although it may be the case that moneys are kept completely separate, we have seen no proof.

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educational concept is not yet a faculty proposal and may be years away from realization.

Nonetheless, this proposal sheds light upon Dean Friedenthal's somewhat iconoclastic educational philosophy. "Law School teaches how to think as lawyers and how to be good citizens, but that's about it. Skill training is important [in a legal education]." Although Friedenthal stresses the importance of the pragmatic aspects of law school, he has not abandoned the academic. "It [legal education] should be a combination," he said. "We will not make immediate lawyers. If it [the externship program] doesn't detract too much it can be great."

Along the same lines, Dean Friedenthal expressed strong commitment to the NLC clinical programs and the Night School. "I believe in the clinical program as a valuable service to the community."

As for the Night School, the Dean derided the perceived faculty attitude of disrespect toward the evening program as one that should be "put to rest" or allowed to "let...die."

"I am committed to part-time study in the evening," said Friedenthal. "My intention is to go the other direction. We have the best evening and part time program that exists and I intend to let it be known."

The Dean plans to develop and publish a brochure "discussing neutrally" the day and evening programs, stressing the strengths and weaknesses of both in the near future. He emphasized the importance of the evening program as invaluable for those with lifestyles different from

those of the typical day student, and stressed that the administration as well as the faculty are committed to the evening program.

"Here, regular faculty, dedicated to legal education, the same people who teach in the day, teach in the evening. The quality is exactly the same... I really want to show people that this is a good program and not second rate."

The Dean has a variety of other programs in mind for the NLC. For example, he would like to expand the faculty, but for that, he recognizes that space problems must be evaluated and solved. Moreover, he would like to separate some law school fundraising functions from the university. Currently, all alumni solicitations are handled through the University Office of Gifts and Endowments, a fact that Friedenthal intends to change.

The Dean also wants to encourage GW's public policy program by enhancing cross enrollment with the University. And, he would like to see more minority students enrolled. He views minority recruitment as "an area I'd like to do better in..."

As far as financial aid, the Dean regrets that there is little he can do to improve the current situation. "I'd like to get a pot of \$5 million to make it easier for students," he said, "but it's not out there. I do think this, and I say this advisedly, the legal profession pays well enough, in the general sense, to carry these obligations and that makes it tenable, not right."

In the midst of all his changes, the Dean is also planning to teach a section of Civil Procedure this spring -- but not with his own book.

But then, challenges don't seem to phase him. Even law school. "Law school ought to be fun," he said.

Wayne's Corner: WELCOME

by Wayne Arden

I would like to welcome all of you back to the NLC for what I am sure will be another truly exciting year. To the incoming 1L's: I hope you all enjoyed the Orientation activities. The Orientation Committee chaired by Brent Kamien and Sharon Cohen did an outstanding job getting everything organized.

The best advice that I can give you as you begin your law school career is to make a concerted effort to enjoy the first few weeks of school. Take this time to get acclimated to the Foggy Bottom area, especially the local Bar and Restaurant scene; for several weeks into the semester you will not have much free time. To my fellow 3L's does it not feel "great" to be back? This whole class and exam bit seems rather useless. It is only eight months until we graduate. I can't wait.

The SBA has been busy planning new and innovative social events for this upcoming year. The year's first "Keg on the Quad" and Bar Review took place during Orientation, and there will be many more planned throughout the year. Planning social events is one of the more enjoyable activities that I am involved with. The second Bar Review is already planned. It will be at Champions in Georgetown on Monday August 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be reduced drink prices. \$1.25 Beer, \$1.30 Wine and \$1.75 Drinks until

closing with your law school I.D.

On Tuesday August 30th, Dean Friedenthal will give a short address in LL101 at 4:15. This will be followed by "Kegs on the Quad" to give students an opportunity to meet our new Dean in an informal environment. Dean Friedenthal is an extremely approachable individual who is very interested in getting the opportunity to meet the students here at the NLC. I would urge all of you to attend.

Other events we are currently working on include the first ever NLC golf tournament. The details of this need to be worked out but if we could get a good deal from a local course then we will go through with it. It will be a scramble with the SBA choosing the foursomes from among those interested in playing.

Further, on Saturday September 17th, the SBA has tentatively scheduled another co-ed softball tournament on the grounds of the Washington Monument. The softball tournament we had in the spring was very successful and this one will be similar. Each team will be required to have 4 women on the field at all times and the winning team will be awarded a prize, last year the winning team received a keg. This type of tournament will give many of the 1L's an opportunity to meet each other. We are also hoping to have the faculty field a team or if that is not possible to at least have some faculty members play on other teams.

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Feminism and Law School

by Prof. John F. Banzhaff III

* Do women really tend to analyze legal problems in a different way than men (e.g., in terms of "responsibilities and relationships rather than abstract principles of rights and justice"), and do they even use a "different voice" in discussing them ("a voice unlike the one that prominent theorists have generally associated with the highest stage of ethical development")? [42] If so, does all of this create problems for some women law students because so much of our legal system is founded upon male-based techniques of analysis and expression?

* Is the "reasonably prudent person" standard of care used in negligence law unfair to women, and why do some feminists prefer to use another test to establish the measure of care a person must exercise to avoid tort liability? [20]

* Should feminists insist upon "equal treatment" under law for women in all situations, or do circumstances such as pregnancy require that the law accord them "special treatment" based upon sex. [72]

* Why do those law professors

supposedly on the cutting edge of new legal theories demanding equality -- i.e., members of the Critical Legal Studies Movement, or "crits" -- still exhibit "male sexist responses" when exposed to feminist theories? [63]

* Why do female law students participate in classroom discussions substantially less frequently than male students, even in classes taught by feminists [152], and what can and should be done about this?

* Are "traditional modes of legal education and models of lawyering inappropriate, adversarial, and incorporate stereotypes of male aggressiveness as the norm," and do "women's lawyering styles have a different cast?" [92].

* Is it sexist for criminal law casebooks to fail to suggest using premenstrual syndrome (P.M.S.) as a defense in a criminal prosecution [113], or would it be sexist (or at least contrary to women's best interests) for a lawyer to argue that a woman's biology may cause her to act so irrationally that it provides a complete or partial defense to a criminal charge?

* What is "Feminist Jurisprudence" or "Feminist Pedagogy." [165]

These and many other interest-

ing and discussion-provoking issues are raised in a symposium of more than a dozen articles collectively entitled "Women in Legal Education-Pedagogy, Law Theory and Practice" appearing in the March/June 1988 [Vol.38, Nos. 1 & 2] issue of the *Journal of Legal Education*.

All of the pieces are by women law professors writing from the feminist perspective; raising the issue of why the editors, in fairness and to achieve balance, did not provide space to males who regard themselves as feminists, and to male and female professors who hold competing points of view on these issues. Nevertheless, the series will prove interesting and thought-provoking to anyone interesting in learning more about feminism and the law.

Just two year ago, Women in a course on Feminist Legal Theory wrote that:

* "I have rejected feminism as I have experienced it up until now."

* "We still think 'libber' and 'bra burner' when we hear 'feminist,' and I really don't think I want to be thrown in that category."

* "The problem is that the word

'feminist,' in the eyes of many, brings to mind a radical, trouble-making, man-hating woman. Many of my friends who share the same values and beliefs that I do regarding women would never consider themselves feminists."

* "I have no idea what 'feminism' is... and 'do not understand what it is that 'feminists' are so angry about."

Women law students who may share these views, women law students who already regard themselves as feminists, and male law students who are probably even more confused about what feminism means, will all probably find the symposium of interest. In addition, the NLC's Law Association for Women, the Student Bar Association, or some other group might wish to sponsor a discussion/debate on these issues for the many students who haven't the time or interest to read the articles, and for the purpose of providing a wider spectrum of viewpoints.

The purpose of this brief *Advocate* article is simply to whet your appetites, and to bring the symposium to your attention. [Numbers in brackets refer to the pages on which the item is mentioned in the symposium]

On The Road In Virginia

By Sally Weinbrom

As first years, you will shortly discover what second and third year students have already concluded -- the information you learn in law school is helpful as far as bar preparation, but provides little guidance in your own personal legal dilemmas. For example, what happens if you are in a car accident or if you are threatened with eviction? What are your legal rights? What protections do you have under your state or political subdivision jurisdiction?

Since many of you will live in Virginia during your law school careers, in this article, the first of two, I will discuss Virginia law that may personally affect you. For starters, this article will detail Virginia law you should know about cars and insurance. The second part of this series will detail Virginia landlord tenant law.

The main lesson I learned was that consumer protection law in Virginia is sparse.

First, an explanation of the facts of my case. I was driving my Pennsylvania registered, 1984 Toyota Tercel down a suburban street in Virginia when a woman ran a stop sign and hit my car. My front bumper, radiator, hood and quarter panel (that piece on the corner of your car) were destroyed. My engine sounded fine and I was unhurt. No big deal, I thought, I'll settle with her insurance company since it is quite obviously her fault (she was cited) and be on my way.

That's not how it works in Virginia.

I should note, that I was lucky it didn't happen in Pennsylvania which has no fault and would have sent my rates soaring. In Virginia, those at fault pay. Except if the car is totaled. My car was declared totaled.

A vehicle is considered a total loss if the cost of repairs exceeds the book value of the car. Indeed, the agent I dealt with stated that if car repairs

exceed 80% of book value a car is considered totaled. Book value is listed in the NADA car guide and used by all insurance companies and car dealers alike. In general, after four years any subcompact car, particularly a car which was low priced at the start, will have lost at least half of its book value regardless of its maintenance history or

yourself (and your insurance company lets you), there are no independent damage appraisers to do the job. In Arlington County, most body shops will not handle your case unless an insurance company intercedes on your behalf. They will make the estimate of damage, if you can get the car there, but they won't fix it. In sum, handling the matter without an insurance company is dissuaded.

Moreover, insurance agents don't seem to be comfortable

Richmond. They are very sympathetic, but they have no legal authority, although they do know all the names of the big guns in the various Virginia insurance companies and can be helpful.

(3) As in any situation, remain firm in your position and back yourself up with statistics. At least in my case, the insurance company was willing to negotiate upward the settlement on my car. I was lucky, however, to get a sympathetic agent who wanted to go to law school. Not everyone is so lucky. No Virginia law requires settlement so most companies won't settle above book value.

(4) Paper them to death. I sent a five page letter explaining why they should give me more money in settlement. I attached three appendices detailing my car's repair and maintenance history, the price of used Toyota compacts in Washington and across the nation, and the damage and the estimated repair bill of my car.

I have no idea how much of this stuff Rivers actually read (he only circled the amount of money I had asked for, fully \$1000 more than I was initially offered.) But, within a week, I received a new offer for \$500 over the initial offer. I took it.

Other lessons I learned along the way regarding Virginia law governing automobiles are as follows. State law requires all persons who domicile in Virginia to register any vehicle they own with the VA DMV within six weeks of moving here. There is no student exemption unless you attend a Virginia school. I don't know if you can get around it by registering the car in your parent's name.

There is an exceedingly steep fine for failing to register and Virginia police are known to stake out large apartment complexes looking for out-of-state plates.

Virginia also requires every registrant to pay property tax of 6 percent book value upon registration. You can deduct

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condition. Ironically, Japanese sub-compact new car prices have increased by 40 percent over the same period. Thus a 1984 \$6400 car is worth about \$3000 in book value but \$8,500 new.

The NADA claims that its valuations are based on local market rates. In other words, if I had sold my car the day before the accident, I could have only received \$3000 for it. My perusal of *The Post* indicated otherwise. Yes, you can buy a Tercel for \$3000 as long as you don't mind if its a 1982 model (mine was 1984) with 75,000 miles on it (mine had 40,000).

Moreover, car repairs are exceedingly expensive in Northern Virginia. With low book values and high mechanics' bills, it is very easy to total a compact car.

The upshot is that in Virginia, as in most states, if your car is totaled the insurance companies need only give you book value less salvage cost if you keep the car and book value alone if they get the car.

Repair costs are estimated by representatives of policy holder's company. Their estimate, at least from my experience, was accurate. But, if you want to get your own people in, you have few options. One option is to ask your insurance company to intercede. If, however you choose to handle the matter

dealing with regular folks. In my case, I called both my insurance company and her insurance company the Monday after the Saturday of the accident. Neither company had an emergency number. Her company took all my information and informed me that my representative was David Rivers. He wasn't in, but he would call me the next day.

He didn't. So, I called him. (Law school is worth its salt to the extent that it teaches you persistence.) He wasn't at his desk. In fact, he wasn't at his desk for a week. I got increasingly hostile with the representatives of his company who asked me the same questions but did not and could not handle my case.

When I finally got hold of Mr. Rivers, he was immediately on the offensive, saying that he had been told how hostile I was and that essentially I should knock it off.

The key lessons I learned in negotiating with the insurance company representative are as follows:

(1) There is no law in Virginia requiring insurance companies to deal with claimants in good faith. Virginia law does require claimants to act in good faith or be subject to penalty.

(2) There is no Insurance Commission, although there is an Insurance Information Bureau in

Law Review Gears Up for Fall

by Jonathan Ladd

The editors and staff of *The George Washington Law Review* held orientation last week for the publication's new staff members. The group of 59 new staff members was chosen from the almost 300 1L's who submitted memoranda of law in last spring's writing competition. Approximately one fourth of the group was chosen solely on the basis of their writing score. The other new staffers were chosen by combining their writing score with their GPA's, with the GPA receiving three times the weight given the writing sample. Transfer students beginning their second year will also have the opportunity to compete. Those transfer students wishing to be on the publication will be chosen solely on the basis of their writing ability and should contact the Senior Managing Editor of the *Review* immediately.

This year, the incoming law review staff will be working on several special issues. First, the *Law Review* will dedicate its November 1988 issue in memory of the late Professor Elyce Zenoff and its March 1989 issue in memory of the late Professor Arthur S. Miller. The *Review* hopes that these dedications will reflect the gratitude and appreciation shared by all for the contributions of these professors

to the law school and the legal community.

Second, continuing in the tradition of publishing timely symposia, in January 1989 the *Review* will publish a symposium entitled *Separation of Powers and the Executive Branch: The Reagan Era in Retrospect*. The symposium will contain thought-provoking essays and articles reflecting on how the relations among the three branches of government have changed, if at all, during the tenure of the Reagan Administration. The theme for this special issue was developed with the assistance of Professor Wilmarth and Professor Peterson. A distinguished list of authors will be contributing to this issue, including Peter Shane of the University of Iowa College of Law, Harold Bruff and Philip Chase Bobbitt of the University of Texas School of Law, Donald Elliott of Yale Law School, and Geoffrey Miller of the University of Chicago Law School.

Finally, early next spring the *Law Review* expects to publish its third annual D.C. Circuit *Review*, a review of the opinions handed down by the D.C. Circuit through August 1988. This issue will include a Foreword by D.C. Circuit Judge Abner Mikva and will contain student-written Chapters analyzing the current developments and evolving trends of the D.C. Circuit.

Journal Looks Ahead

by Stuart Irvin

The editors and staff of the *George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics* are looking forward to a productive new school year. The members of the editorial board, who took their positions last March, will endeavor to carry on the outstanding job of the previous board.

The dedication and hard work of last year's members was recently recognized by the American Association of Law Libraries. The AALL presented the *Journal's Guide to International Law* (Volume 20: 1 & 2) their highest achievement award, the 1988 Joseph L. Andrews Award. Last year's twin issues on government procurement law have been widely reviewed and abstracted in other legal publications.

Despite being scattered in different cities, the current board produced Volume 21: 2 of the *Journal* this summer. The topics covered in the issue include German Banking law, export regulations on commercial satellite parts, and ethical and economic aspects of unapproved new drug export.

The next issue will feature an article by Gilbert Kaplan and Lynn Kamark of the Commerce Department concerning a volatile topic in international trade law.

The article presents a Commerce Department perspective on the assessment of constructed value for antidumping and countervailing duty laws. The *Journal* will also publish student written notes, one of which, for example, analyzes the antidumping laws using the television industry as a model and another which discusses the Export Enhancement Program.

Members of the editorial board are excited about the challenges which they face this year. Managing Editor, Bill Dauber, thinks that the *Journal* has good articles lined up. "We hope to keep on our production schedule and produce three more issues before the board changes in March." Editor-in-Chief, Stuart Irvin, hopes to continue to publish high quality articles and student written notes. According to Irvin, he is "looking forward to working with the second and third year staff members all of whom have proven writing abilities and outstanding academic credentials."

The *Journal* welcomes the following Second Year Members:

Paul Adams, Brian Ahern, James Armitage, Joy Alexrad, Connie Bertram, Cecelia Calaby, Brian Chevin, Robert Coberly, Bari Cooper, Louise Corso, Joseph Crimmins, Andrew Davis, Rosemarie Diegnan, Rebecca Epstein,

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Pavement Pounders: On Your Marks

by Lisa Federici

Well, the dust has barely settled on our law books from spring semester and here we are, back in the old NLC. While our friends in the "real world" are lazily refining their August tans, NLC 2nd year, 3d year the 4th year students' thoughts turn toward that happiest of all pastimes (ta da!) - FALL RECRUITING!

Needless to say, the CDO staff has been busily working all summer to organize this year's recruiting, as well they must since the first resume drop occurs a mere five days after the first day of classes. Students may register for campus recruiting from August 22 to August 24, from nine to five. (You must register in order to participate in the program). Upon registering, each student will receive the 1988 Directory of Employers, and the notorious BIG WHITE BOOK. (For anyone not intimate with CDO terminology, the BIG WHITE BOOK contains brief blurbs about each firm that will be recruiting on campus, as well as the dates that they will be interviewing and the criteria they seek when choosing whom to interview). Students should consult these two books to determine with which firms they wish to drop resumes.

As Suzanne Alexander of the CDO points out, it is very important for students to be realistic about which firms to drop with. Not everyone can be offered an interview with Arnold and Porter - as a matter of fact, very few people are offered interviews with Arnold and Porter - and it is a mutual waste of time for you to submit a resume to a firm whose hiring criteria you clearly do not meet. If the BIG WHITE BOOK says that a particular firm will only hire you if you have an undergraduate degree in Ant Sociology and have three heads, do not drop with them unless you have

an undergraduate degree in Ant Sociology and three heads. (Of course, it's worth a shot if you have an undergraduate degree in Ant Sociology and two heads. . .). "Nuff said.

In addition to receiving the Directory of Employers and the BIG WHITE BOOK, students will also receive a preference sheet (as long as the number does not exceed (you guessed it!) fifty).

The first resume drop ends on Friday, August 26, at 7:00pm, and absolutely NO late preference sheets will be accepted. (Creative excuses do not an exception make - don't even try!)

For those of you who, like myself, could not comprehend the explanation of wild cards included in the summer mailing from CDO, here's a remedial course: Students are allowed three "wild cards" per drop, which amount to a total of nine wild cards for the entire recruiting period. A wild card choice essentially gives you two chances to receive an interview with a particular firm.

For example, if you're a die-hard Perry Mason fan and will die if you do not receive an interview with a litigation firm such as Ross, Dixon and Masback (RDM), you would choose RDM as one of your wild card choices on your preference sheet. Before they send the resumes off to the RDM recruiter, CDO will take the names of all of the students who chose RDM as a wild card choice, enter them into a computer, and randomly select three names. The names will be sent to RDM, along with the message that RDM is obligated to interview those three individuals - regardless of their qualifications. (This is your first shot at an interview).

If you are not lucky enough to be selected by the computer to receive a guaranteed interview, your resume will be sent to RDM (with no mention that they were a wild card choice), and RDM

will use their own criteria- (which probably is quite similar to random computer selection)- to determine whom they will interview. (This is your second chance. The difference is that this time you are competing against the eighty million other Perry Mason fans, instead of just depending on blind luck).

Again, be realistic about your wild card choices. Granted, a firm is obligated to interview "wild card kids" regardless of their qualifications - but if the firm only hires people who are in the top one-eighth of a per cent of the class and you're in the bottom two per cent, you're not going to receive an offer no matter how stunning you are in the interview. So don't waste their time. And, more importantly, don't waste your own.

In addition to the fall campus recruiting program, the CDO also arranges regional programs which cover most major cities where big law firms tend to congregate (like New York, for example).

There is no limit to the number of resumes you may drop for the regional program - this program is separate and distinct from the fifty resume limit mentioned above. The deadline for submission of resumes for the first regional drop is Saturday, August 27 at 12:00 noon. The region covered is New York and central New Jersey.

Regionals work similarly to campus interviews with one exception - they do not take place on campus. For example, the first regional group is comprised of firms in NY and NJ who decided not to visit the NLC to interview. They have agreed to set aside a specific day on which to interview NLC students, but the student is responsible for traveling to the city on that day in order to participate in the interview. Regionals are attractive because they allow a

student to make one trip to a particular city, and to interview with as many firms as they can on that one day - as opposed to spending the money to travel to the same city on ten different occasions for interviews with ten different firms.

The CDO will be holding a question and answer session on Wednesday, August 24 at 4:10pm, for students who still have questions about the recruiting process. The room will be posted around the NLC on that date.

As a final note, it is important to realize that the campus recruiting program is not the key to obtaining a satisfactory summer job - since everyone's definition of satisfactory is slightly different. For students who are not interested in working for the large law firms, (lovingly referred to as "sweat shops" by 3Ls who should've known better), fall recruiting will not meet your needs. As Suzanne Alexander points out, fall recruiting is but one option in the job search approach. As a matter of fact, "the largest proportion of the class does not get a job through this program." And the majority of the class will certainly be employed (eventually. . .). So give it a shot, but if nothing comes through don't be too discouraged. You could always kill a few more years by pursuing your PhD!

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Law Lines: NLC Enters the 80's

by Kevin F. O'Hare

Fall 1988 is an auspicious one for the National Law Center of the George Washington University. Dean Barron exits as Dean Friedenthal takes the helm, the class of 1988 has been replaced by the incoming class of 1991 and the method of leaving messages for law students at the NLC has finally been modernized.

Located in the first floor non-smoking lounge, the new student message center promises to streamline communication for students and faculty alike. Beginning this semester, information starved students will be able to give messages to their classmates and receive messages from the administration and faculty members by utilizing this blue filing bin. According to Marlana Valdez, Assistant Dean for Student and Administrative Affairs, each student will be given a file, color coded by class, with his or her name on it. Blue denotes the entering class of 1985; Red, the entering class of 1986; Green, the entering class of 1987; and Manila, the entering class of 1988 and also all Post J.D. candidates.

Since the message center will become the primary means of intra-school communication, students are urged to check their file folders daily. Student organizations will utilize the message center as will Dean

Valdez, who is planning to publish and distribute a weekly bulletin of relevant student notices via the new system.

Valdez offers some caveats on the use of the new message center as well. First, no messages for individuals will be permitted on the first floor chalkboard.

Dean Valdez explained that the chalkboard will only be used for "notices of general interest" such as class cancellations. Second, the folders can't be used as a portable mailbox. If mail is sent to a student in care of the law school, it will not be filed in that student's folder. Third, the student folders are not repositories for advertisements from outside businesses and organizations. If your file is becoming inundated by this junk mail, notify Dean Valdez' office immediately. Finally, and most importantly, each student is urged to respect the privacy of the files and their contents.

Dean Valdez is optimistic about the prospects for the new message center. "It should work real well as long as people use it properly and will be a more efficient way of notifying students".

Dean Valdez' office is eager to hear any suggestions about the message center from the student body. If there are any problems with missing file folders, please notify Dean Valdez' assistant, Ms. Felice Passero.

GW Night Life

by Randolph Smith

Welcome back my friends to the show that never seems to end and for those of you beginning your long night's journey into day - Welcome to G.W.U.!

As your SBA evening division vice president, I will be glad to assist your journey in any way possible. The night school is an integral part of the NLC and its students should be recognized for their unique contributions to the NLC as a whole.

To facilitate communications, I can be reached through my mailbox in the first floor lounge or in the SBA office. This year I hope you will make your voice heard to the student organizations, faculty and the administration.

It is very important that you contact any student organization that you may be considering joining and ask the president to schedule evening meetings (after 7:40 p.m.) so that you can participate. (Last year only a couple of organizations consistently held evening meetings which both day and evening students could attend).

On a business note, the SBA still needs a 4th year evening representative and if you are interested in finding out more information about this position please contact me. The first year evening representative will be elected by the 1L evening section in a few weeks.

SBA Book Sale

by Lisa Federici

For those of you who are fed up with the high prices and endless lines found in the GW Bookstore and in Washington Law Books, don't forget about your other option for buying textbooks. You guessed it, the SBA used book sale!

The used book sale will be held every day (including today) from nine to five in the SBA conference room. The SBA conference room is located on the third floor of Burns, behind the elevators.

Students who have books that they wish to sell may bring them to the SBA conference room any time. Only books that are found on the book list for the current semester will be accepted.

The book owner is responsible for setting a price for the book, and for providing the SBA with a list of their books and prices (so that the SBA can keep track of what's been sold, and can return unsold books to their owners). The SBA keeps ten per cent of the price of each book. (Don't complain, rumor has it that the money goes toward kegs on the quad!).

In addition to casebooks and hornbooks, you can usually find plenty of Emmanuel's and Nutshells at the SBA book sale - so it's a wise idea to check it out before you pay full price at the "other" bookstores.

LSA Program Lifts Off

by Rob Hirsh

There is a new program for first year students being initiated this semester by the friendly and helpful folks at your local SBA. Law Student Advisors are designed to smooth the transition from normal, healthy young adult into harried and slightly twisted law student. The fledgling program is based upon similar efforts at Yale, Georgetown, the University of Richmond, among other institutions.

Those of us who have survived the first year of law school, wounded but alive, know well what an arduous and demanding experience it can be. It is hoped that implementation of LSA will be an analgesic to spare this year's recruits some of the pain, anguish, and mental suffering the rest of us have had to endure.

The focus of the program's efforts will be two-fold: academic and social. For, if there is anything even more traumatic than the start of a legal education, it is adjustment to the Washington, DC area and its social environs. Truly, if there is anything as essential as knowing in advance the personal eccentricities of your professors and their exams, it must be where to go for a good, stiff drink and an enjoyable night of wanton revelry.

The law student advisor will be available for the full first year of a new student's travails. It is hoped that the dedicated, experienced volunteers will be able to supply guidance and allay fears with the skill of professional psychotherapists.

This past Thursday, the intrepid volunteers first met their anxious and wide-eyed charges. There are 86 advisors for the approximately 480 new arrivals. The initial meeting went as smoothly as possible when the

large number of people involved is taken into consideration.

This reporter was pleased by the curiosity and good will extended by the new students who had been assigned to his group. Their myriad questions were doubtless very much like those asked by incoming students of yesteryear, but unlike the unfortunates of the past, a law student advisor was there to answer all inquiries with the deftness and agility that can only come with law school's influence upon the human mind.

The large ensemble spent a while on the introductions and initial curiosities attending to the impending start of the new school year. They then repaired to a local nightclub so that the social aspects of LSA might be brought into proper focus (or lack thereof).

The new program seems to have enjoyed an auspicious beginning. Its potential for the future is only limited by the use the first year students make of it and the effort put forth by the upper class student advisors. This reporter urges that the program be used to its fullest advantage which will result in great benefits to all involved.

Also, SBA vice-president Paul Henry, the program developer, wishes to extend his heartiest thanks to all involved in the inception and development of this worthy effort. Kudos to Chairperson Trish Adams and her able team including Cindy Foulk, Erin Baruth, Amy Sylvester, Sharon Cohen, and me, Rob Hirsh. This team has ceaselessly and tirelessly toiled to insure the success of this beneficial program and Paul and the rest of the SBA-types are grateful and appreciative of the excellent job done.

Now it is up to the first years and their mentors to make the most of this worthwhile program.

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Myths Dispelled About Amnesty International

by David Epstein

In the two years that I have worked for Amnesty International at the law school I have been exposed to considerable feed-back concerning our organization. Therefore, instead of giving our usual pitch to encourage new membership and participation, I thought it best to answer some of the viewpoints I've heard regarding AI.

1) *Amnesty International is a political group consisting of a bunch of liberals who apply on pressure governments which in many cases are allies of the United States.*

Calling AI a "liberal organization" is the furthest thing from the truth. AI is non-political. It adheres to an objective policy which examines governmental behavior regardless of the political motivations. That is, AI will adopt the causes of prisoners who do not advocate violence and are being detained for their political beliefs, prisoners subjected to governmentally sanctioned torture, and prisoners facing the death penalty.

Those who label AI a liberal organization are really saying that liberals tend to join AI more than conservatives. Indeed, my own experience confirms this theory. However, surely any American believes in Due Process, rights of free expression, and prohibitions against cruel and unusual punishment. The fact that there are more liberals that join AI than conservatives is not a discredit to AI but a discredit to conservatives.

Finally, AI is a thorn in the side of all nations who violate our edict whether to the left or to the right. If you join AI you won't help but notice how many of our campaigns are directed at Eastern Bloc nations.

2) *I do not want to sign petitions concerning cases of which I have no personal knowledge.*

What a cop-out! Is anybody in this law school really going to travel to Kenya or South Korea to check up on one of our prisoner's cases.

The fact is, many nations and international organizations rely on AI's investigative efforts. If AI's excellent reputation to uncover relevant facts can be relied on by the United Nations and the State Department, surely you can humble yourself to defer to others who have spend a

significant amount of time to gather facts which form the bases of AI's reports and individual case studies.

3) *I may damage my professional career by working for AI or signing the petition.*

I never realized the profound effect of McCarthyism has had on free speech in this country until I started working for AI.

First of all, when you sign an AI petition, you are not joining the Communist Party. AI is an internationally respected, mainstream organization with millions of members who range from lawyers to priests. This is evidenced by the Nobel Peace Prize that AI received in 1977.

Secondly, What will it take for you as lawyers or law students to speak out about what you believe to be morally reprehensible. If you believe in the rights that AI is fighting for, the same ones found in the U.S. Constitution, then you should not hesitate to defend these rights, when all it entails is you signing your name on a petition. If you still refuse to do so, ask yourself how dearly do you really hold these rights.

4) *By applying pressure on nations to modify their behavior, AI is really counterproductive since leaders will opt to demonstrate their independence by subjecting their prisoners to treatment even worse than that they were previously receiving.*

I have spoken to long-time active members of AI and they assure me that they have never encountered this phenomenon. Actually, the more pressure AI puts on a government, the more likely it is that he will receive better treatment. Our letters alert other nations that there are people actually monitoring their behavior.

Keep in mind, regardless of the rhetoric that certain world leaders engage in, most nations depend on the U.S. to some extent. World leaders recognize that domestic viewpoints within the U.S. may influence our foreign policy. Therefore, they strive to at least give the illusion that they are conducting affairs fairly within their nation.

Torture is a violation of international law. Though it is often practiced, governments inevitably try to keep it hid. It is our responsibility to not blind ourselves to breaches of international law. Won't you please join us in the fight. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, August 31 at 4:15 p.m.

NLC Black Law Students Association

by John Lewis

The Black Law Student Association (BLSA) was founded nearly twenty years ago to address many of the particularized needs and concerns of Black law students resulting primarily from our gross underrepresentation in American law schools. Further, BLSA functions as a networking mechanism whereby BLSA chapters nationwide may exchange ideas and information. Finally, BLSA serves as a student liaison to the National Bar Association (NBA) which is a professional association of the nation's Black attorneys.

The NLC's chapter of BLSA engages in a number of activities throughout the year, the most notable of which include exam writing workshops for its first year members, a Black History Month display and an Alumni/-Recruitment Weekend to foster minority interest in the Law Center.

The 1988-89 Roster of BLSA members is as follows:

Officers

John Lewis, Chairperson (2d year)
Sheryl Robinson, Vice-Chairperson (2d year)

Gerald Seegars, Treasurer (2d year)

Audrey Moore, Parliamentarian (3d year)

The office of secretary will be filled in the Fall.

Membership

Third Year Members

Clifford Brown

Shawne Carter

Lori Parker

Wayne McKenzie

Kathy Sistrunk

Lisa Wheeler

Second Year Members

Patricia James

Rabiah Abdullah

Donna Thomas

Althea Sherman

Frederick Samuels

Yvonne Floyd-Mayer

Tamara Fair

Monica Thornton

Cynthia Walters

Lloyd Fantroy

Dean Valdez Lends An Ear

by Kevin O'Hare

"I see my office as the first point of contact for any student with any question or problem. If we can't solve it, we'll find someone who can." The assistant Dean for Student and Administrative Affairs, Marlana Valdez, plays a unique role at the NLC. A liaison between the faculty, administration, and students, Valdez deals with a variety of subjects, from the academic to the personal. With the beginning of another law school year, problems and inquiries on a wide range of topics will abound and Dean Valdez's office is at Burns 401-C to help.

Dean Valdez's primary service to the NLC is as academic advisor.

She counsels many students on the selection of courses, on the implementation of a three year course of studies and also gives general career advice. Valdez noted that a number of students veering away from traditional "firm oriented" legal careers consult with her often. Law students with academic problems are urged to contact her office so that she may connect them with a vast network of solutions from tutoring to study skill improvements to referrals.

Her office also handles student's requests to take courses at other institutions, leaves of absence permanent withdrawals and student's classroom complaints.

Night school students should not feel that they lack access to Dean Valdez. Valdez has office hours each Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. "But the best way is by calling my office during the day. I've never had a problem resolving things over the phone", said Valdez. For those night school students with questions or problems, Dean Valdez's phone is 994-8301.

Administrative problems are Dean Valdez's problems as well.

"If a student comes here first to identify the problem and solve it. If not, my office can see that they get in to see Dean Friedenthal, Dean Schwartz, Dean Jenkins, or someone else from the University."

Early fall and spring are perhaps the most hectic times for Valdez's office. Registration add/drop, which is on the minds of nearly all upper level students, will begin in the library during the first week of school. After the first week, add/drop is handled via Dean Valdez's office. The add/drop period ends on Friday, September 9th, which is also the last day to register for classes on a credit/no credit basis. During the three week add/drop period, students wishing to add classes will need the signature of the class instructor, but Dean Valdez will not require a professor's signature to drop a class, unless the professor so specifically requests.

Dean Valdez also acts as the advisor for all student organizations. All leaders clear their activities, programming and funding through her office. Organizations with programs involving outside members or groups looking to utilize rooms for meetings should consult with Dean Valdez's office as well.

The mother of two, and expecting her third child in mid-September, Dean Valdez will be taking maternity leave for an indeterminate period this fall. During her absence, the office will be in the capable hands of Felice Passero, who thereafter will become the most harried administrator in Burns Hall. Dean Valdez urges all students to continue to drop by as Ms. Passero will have a list of referrals for students and will maintain contact with the Dean. As soon as she is able, Dean Valdez will have limited office hours by telephone, when students will be able to contact her directly.

Vendacard Transactions

By Randy Snyder

A second Vendacard dispensing and encoding machine has been installed near the circulation desk and next to the first Vendacard machine. For those of you who might not be familiar with the Vendacard system, a Vendacard is like a fare card. It activates the photocopiers and microfiche and microfilm machines while registering and deducting the specific amount of money that each transaction costs.

This new machine, like the older, sells Vendacards for one dollar (\$0.50 for the cost of the reusable card; \$0.50 of value on

the card). You may add value to the card with \$1.00 and \$5.00 bills. Unlike the older machine, it can also accept \$10.00 and \$20.00 bills. Change, in the form of four quarters for one dollar, is available only from the older machine.

All Vendacard transactions must be handled at these two machines. It is not possible to use checks or coins either to buy a Vendacard or to increase the value of one already purchased.

When you buy a Vendacard, please make sure you sign your name in the appropriate space on the Vendacard. If you lose or misplace your Vendacard, check at the circulation desk to see if it has been turned in.

Student Organizations

Equal Justice at GW

by Lynn Hano

At the National Law Center fall semester begins in August, which in the summer heat of Washington D.C. is unbearable to anyone even without having to study law. To make law school more bearable, students should become involved in the extra-curricular activities offered at the National Law Center. The Equal Justice Foundation (EJF) offers opportunities for law students to become involved in community and school activities. The goal of EJF is to promote the growth of public interest law. The purpose of "public interest law" is to provide affordable legal services to individuals and organizations who need assistance but lack substantial resources.

To be in EJF your main goal does not have to be to make less than \$25,000 a year. Many of our members go on to work for large firms but maintain a commitment to pro bono law and helping the community. EJF projects include: holding brown bag lunches, sponsoring speakers, volunteering in the community in legal and non-legal capacities, providing advice and back up resources on careers in public interest law and fundraising for the Bradwell Fellowship and Summer Grant program.

The summer grant program funds first and second year students working in public interest jobs for the summer. The Bradwell fellowship enables graduating students to work for a full year with a public interest organization. This past year, EJF was able to fully fund three students who worked for the summer for the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, the

American Civil Liberties Union and the Washington D.C. Public Defender Service. A fourth student will be partially funded for her work for the Government Accountability Project. What makes EJF so great is that the energy that members expend gets put right back into helping students at the National Law Center and people in the Washington D.C. community.

The executive board of EJF includes nine members each having different responsibilities but an equal say in major club decisions. This Spring, four new members were elected to the board, Betsy Hutter, Scott Miller, Martha Moring, and Karen Plave. The four members who will continue their terms from last year are Kathy Hardy, Jonathan Ginsberg, Lynn Hano, and Lou Manuta. General members are also an important part of the organization and we encourage anyone desiring to become involved in all organizing or participating EJF events.

The members of EJF would like to welcome all first year law students and welcome back all second and third students to the National Law Center. There will be an informal reception on Thursday, August 25, from 4 to 6 p.m., on the fourth floor patio. We invite anyone interested in EJF to join us at that time.

Reminder: All those who pledged money to the Summer grant program but still have not paid please send your check to EJF, P.O. Box 18021, Washington, D.C. 20036 or contact Lynn Hano by leaving a note in the EJF activities box. Please pay as soon as possible as grant recipients have not yet received the full amount of their grant. Thank-you.

CDO Alert

by Lisa Federici

This is a special notice for 1Ls. By now, you've probably caught on to the sense of hysteria that grips many of your 2L and 3L peers, and may find yourself wondering if you've "missed the boat", so to speak, as far as interviewing for a summer job for next year. (Yes, you have now left the REAL WORLD and have entered a world where you interview approximately a year in advance for summer legal positions!). The panic that you sense around you (or will blatantly see in a few days, if you haven't sensed it already), is called FALL RECRUITING. Don't get caught up in it.

First years play by different rules than 2Ls and 3Ls when it comes to summer jobs. A 2L or 3L who wants to work for a large law firm is generally finished interviewing by October or November, which is exactly when the 1Ls should begin thinking about summer jobs.

There is an association called the NALP (National Association for Law Placement), which decides when law students should be concerned with summer job

interviewing. The NALP has ruled that first year law students may not begin approaching law firms for summer jobs until November 1. Law firms are required to comply with the NALP ruling, and are not allowed to solicit or review 1L resumes before this date. So it is not to your advantage to try to do a mass mailing of resumes before November. (In fact, it might be to your detriment, since you would be blatantly disobeying the NALP ruling).

The Career Development Office (CDO) will approach your sections (probably in your legal research class) around the beginning of November, and will give you all of the information and guidance that you need in order to play the "get a summer legal position" game. It'll be hectic enough by then, so spend the next two months just being 1Ls - which means getting used to new roommates and living situations, making friends, figuring out exactly how many hours you need to spend in the library, playing frisbee on the quad, and just plain "hanging out".

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- 2) Administrative Feasibility of off-campus site.
- 3) Fairly old building although renovations are underway.

Ceremony at Smith Center

Reception on the Quad (Rain Alternative - Marvin Center)

*Pros

- 1) Recent commencements have been held here.
- 2) Costs are low -- approximately \$3500 which stays within the University.
- 3) Administrative prefers all university commencement be held on campus.
- 4) All decorated, the gym does look nice.
- 5) Seating capacity would permit 8 tickets per graduate.
- 6) Air conditioned facility.

*Cons

- 1) Ceremony is in a gymnasium-dignity of the ceremony is diminished.
- 2) Set up must include construction of a stage, and importation of props (i.e. carpet and plants).
- 3) Bleacher seating is uncomfortable for extended period of time and infeasible to the elderly.

Ceremony at the Mall

Wayne (Cont'd)

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Lest you believe that all SBA does is only plan social events I will discuss some of the more substantive work that we are currently involved with. The most important project that we are currently working on is the drafting and implementation of an Honor Code. This school does not currently have an Honor Code and a committee was set up last year to work on drafting a code which we will then be able to bring to the Full Faculty. I hope that this can be done as soon as possible so that an Honor Code can be in effect for the entering class of 1989.

This past summer the SBA in conjunction with the Career Development Office put together a Law Firm Directory that included the legal areas of interest of students as well as their geographic areas of interest.

We have also recently implemented a Law Student Advisor program to assist first year students in their adjustment to law school and are currently working on establishing an Alumni Relations program. Lastly and finally the women's bathrooms will soon be equipped with women's hygiene facilities. This has been a long time in coming, and will be appreciated by a couple of 3L's who will remain nameless.

Another issue that I hope to soon get involved with is the

Reception on the Quad (Rain Alternative in the Marvin Center)

*Pros

- 1) Inspiring locale, enhancing the dignity of the ceremony.
- 2) Individual seating.
- 3) Proximity to the NLC (Location possibilities include grassy areas south of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool or grassy areas bounded by Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive near 14th Street.

*Cons

- 4) No site fee.
- 5) Proximity to the NLC in midst of our nation's greatest monuments.
- 1) Weather dependent alternate site is necessary.
- 2) Cost is high - individual chairs, sound system, and stage set ups must be rented. Translated this means approximately \$5200 for Mall set up and \$3000 for the Smith Center [approximately \$12 graduate].
- 3) Logistical details will be a problem.
- 4) Never before has this been done for an NLC Commencement.
- 5) Set-up crews will be working on four different sites.

Ceremony at the Quad

Reception in the Marvin Center (Rain Alternative in Smith Center)

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process by which scholarships and grants are distributed. Currently the distribution is based almost totally on grades and not financial need or other criteria. Therefore, while all the students in this law school have roughly the same ability, those who have attained the higher grades not only obtain the higher paying summer jobs but are also given grant money by the school. For example people who earn \$1,000 or more per week during the summer time receive grants while those taking the lower paying jobs are unable to obtain any of these grants. This system does not seem fair. This is even more true when you consider that the same students who obtain the higher paying summer jobs will also obtain the higher paying jobs upon graduation. Who is better able to pay off their loans, an individual earning over \$60,000 a year upon graduation or someone earning roughly \$30,000? This is a system that definitely needs to be changed. I have seen too many situations where a well deserving student has been denied financial aid because the limited grant money goes to individuals who do not need it as much.

If any 1L's have any questions about the NLC or about their Profs I invite you to stop by the SBA office. The SBA office also has the evaluations of the faculty, so if you need to find out about what students in the past have said about your Prof stop on in.

Democratic Spectacle in Atlanta

by Wayne Arden

A national political convention, at least a Democratic Party convention, is one of those events that an individual must personally experience to truly appreciate. I was fortunate in that my job permitted me to attend the 1988 Democratic Convention in Atlanta. I work for the Democratic State Legislative Leaders Association in the Democratic National Committee, on their reapportionment law project. The eight days that I

Atlanta seemed like the center of the universe. Wherever you looked or wherever you went you recognized someone. But more importantly the parties were awesome! I cannot believe that the parties at the other convention could be as good. Furthermore, walking around Atlanta made you feel proud to be an American. For, unlike the Republican Party the Democratic Party represents all the cross-sections of the American population. Twenty one percent of the delegates were minorities



The Democratic Candidates

spent in Atlanta were probably the most exciting days of my life to date. I am anxiously awaiting the 1992 convention!

and 49 percent were women as compared to the white male makeup of the Republican delegates. Only 2 percent of Republican delegates were black and only 34 percent were women.

To be invited to the Republican Convention it seemed you had to be rich, white and male.

I will talk about the partying in Atlanta, and then discuss some of the more substantive and humorous occurrences during convention week.

For the vast majority of people attending the convention where to find a good party seemed a top priority. Fortunately the task was not too difficult. Moreover, most of the parties had either corporate sponsors or were put on by organizations with a vested interest in throwing a good party. For the eight days I was there, I had to pay for two meals, and I do not recall having to buy many of my drinks. In such circumstances a per diem goes a long way.

The first night I was down there was also the night of the biggest party. I would like to think that this was not just a coincidence. The party was sponsored by roughly 20 corporations, including Bell South and surprisingly Coors. There were approximately 5,000 people in attendance and all you can eat and drink. It was amazing. For entertainment there was George Benson, Stephen Stills, Ashtford and Simpson, Atlanta Rhythm Section and many other bands performing on the three stages that had been set up in the convention center. This type of welcome definitely got the week off on the right foot.

The staff meeting the following morning pretty much set the tone for the rest of the week. We were told that our responsibilities would be to run a hospitality suite for Democratic State Legislators. This meant that we were to drink with legislators when they entered our suite. Not exactly the hardest assignment I have ever been given! The rest of the staff meeting concerned which social events we should attend for the rest of the day, the convention did not start until the following day.

In the course of the next few hours, I went from a reception put on by the Hispanic Caucus, to honor Hispanic Congressman, with Mexican beer and food, to a reception put on by the Teamsters, with carved turkey, oysters and other delicacies, to a reception put on by the AFL-CIO with crab legs and chicken to parties put on for the New York and California delegations.

The California party was more fun. The rest of the week was not as active socially as the convention would take up much of our time, but there was always somewhere to go or something to do. But there are some other receptions that still stick in my mind. It made me feel good to see many actors and musicians at the convention supporting the Democratic Party. There was one reception put on by my co-workers honoring several of the actors in attendance, including Mike Farrell, Mary Wilson, Ed Begley Jr., Ed Asner, Rob Lowe and the rest of the Brat Pack.

Though attending these social events was extremely enjoyable and coordinating the hospitality suite brought me into contact with many interesting people the reason I was in Atlanta was for the convention and more substantive reasons.

The convention was the most unified Democratic Convention in recent memory. It was fascinating to see how many diverse interests are represented by the party. These range from the progressive wing of the party, represented by Jackson to the conservative wing of the party, exemplified by Bentsen. Many of

the speeches were tremendous. The keynote address by Ann Richards was as funny as Bush calling himself a Texan, Ted Kennedy's "where was George"

speech had the audience chanting, Dukakis' speech showed that maybe he does have some charisma, it just may not always be easy to find, and speeches by other Democrats displayed how many rising young stars the party has. But what I found to be the most moving experience was the speech given by Jesse Jackson.

When Jackson spoke he did not only speak for himself or his supporters but spoke for a whole generation of Americans. You may not agree with many of Jackson's policies or views but even the most critical would have to admit that Jesse Jackson has done more for the civil rights movement than any other individual

since Martin Luther King Jr. It was a moving experience seeing many people with tears in their eyes while they watched his speech.

Growing up in a white upper middle class home I cannot begin to understand what was going through their minds but I believe that I can appreciate their response. In Atlanta that night I proudly wore my Jackson '88 button.

The next few days I took time to ask individuals I came in contact with about the speech. The responses were educational. The individual who drove the van from my hotel to the metro station grew up in Atlanta and recalled that it was not many years ago that blacks could not vote or have the use of the same facilities as whites.

Keeping this in mind it is incredible that in 1988 a black could finish second in a presidential primary. This country has come a long way in its race relations and the Democratic Party has been at the forefront of this development.

The convention also lent itself to many interesting observations. Did you know that Peter Jennings is going bald? The best t-shirt sayings were "Lick Bush," and "Head for the Mountains, Bush is Coming." The most interesting protester I saw was a man in his Fifties who was holding a sign about 4 feet high and 3 feet wide which said in large bloc letters: "GOD IS A REPUBLICAN" the man was also holding a small American flag, I guess to emphasize that God is also an American.

I love Republicans. There were also many supporters of Lyndon LaRouche in Atlanta. These people are wierd! They are the people that started the rumor concerning Dukakis' mental health and compared some members of the Democratic National Committee to NAZI's.

By the end of the convention the most popular button was "Where was George." The best line of the convention belonged to Jim Hightower, the Agricultural Commissioner of Texas, who said George Bush was born on third base and thought he hit a triple. The biggest rip-off of the convention was the fact that the convention center charged \$85 for a case of Michelob \$60 for a case of Miller and \$10 a pound for chips. I am morally opposed to paying such outrageous prices for the drink I love so dearly so Tom Fitzpatrick (my co-worker and fellow 3L) and I snuck beer into the convention center to our suite. I wonder how much Republicans would be charged?

The convention provided a big boost to the Dukakis/Bentsen

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Movie Review

Summer and Disney: Old and New

By Rob Hirsh

In keeping with the heady intellectual atmosphere of a law school environment, it is only fitting that the first films to be reviewed at the start of a new term by this prestigious publication reflect that concern with things high-minded and academically sophisticated. Thus it is that we begin with some observations on two of this summer's best offerings, both from Disney Studios, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* and *Bambi*. (Surely you weren't expecting me to have seen *The Last Temptation of Christ* already?) Yes, this is what summer break is all about: simply entertaining movies with little violence and lots of cartoons.

Now don't start moaning about the inherently violent nature of most cartoons. We're not talking exploding buildings, gunplay, and mutilated teenagers here. We're talking about having a refrigerator dropped on your head resulting in no more than being encircled by cute little chirping birds. We're also talking about the art, yes art, of animation and the veritable Michelangelo of that art, Disney. *Roger Rabbit* takes that art to a new high of technical excellence, while *Bambi* still stands as one of the most beautiful and moving examples of that art in its traditional form.

Roger Rabbit is anything but a traditionally animated film. With the help of Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment production studios, Disney's subsidiary, Touchstone Pictures, has produced a film unlike anything ever seen before. It makes *Song of the South* look like a cartoon flip-book by comparison. The technical wizardry takes your breath away as the interplay between live actors and their cartoon cohorts displays top-notch acting talent. Combined, these factors soon have the audience forgetting about the special effects and animation techniques (which never quite happens in a Spielberg/George Lucas-type film). They become completely absorbed in the reality the movie is depicting.

The reality of this movie is, of course, an utter non-reality. That is where this film succeeds so brilliantly, because the audience is wholly pulled into *Roger Rabbit's* world.

This film has received a tremendous amount of attention from the media, so it is hardly necessary for me to elucidate at length its plot or to mention my favorite scenes. If you haven't heard enough about it already, you've either been exploring

Antarctica, living under a rock, or working for a law firm over the summer, an activity which is certain to isolate you from the outside world. *Roger Rabbit* is a must see film if ever there were such a thing. I mean, I've seen this movie twice.

For real cartoon aficionados, half the fun is seeing Warner Brothers favorites side by side with Disney characters along with a host of others. There's Walter Lance's Woody Woodpecker and Droopy, as well as the singing and dancing cows and chickens from the early Merrie Melodies shorts. Notably missing were MGM's Tom and Jerry, Mighty Mouse, Popeye, Krazy Kat, and the whole Hanna-Barbera crew. Of course, I might have missed them somewhere. I think I'll have to go back a third time.

Bambi, the 1942 fully animated Disney classic, is no less wonderful, but an entirely different sort of film. It is more than a simple entertainment. It is an intriguing and emotionally provocative fable on the oneness and coexistence of all life, and the continuity of the natural hierarchy which structures it. That is, all life except human life, which is fully excluded and ultimately the font of all the misfortunes the forest and its inhabitants endure.

Such powerful themes (and they are so wholly obvious as to be clear even to the least discerning adult viewer) are only enhanced by the finely detailed artwork which depicts the forest and the irresistibly lovable and endearing cartoon animals who live there.

The film opens with a slow, stunning panoramic view of the forest. The scene is incredibly three-dimensional and absolutely beautiful. The viewer is instantly consumed and impressed by the magnitude of the artistic achievement, which reaches out with all the power it must have contained over forty-five years ago.

Bambi's birth serves to introduce us to a cast of memorable characters. This special event calls the grumbling Wise Owl and Thumper, the irrepressible bunny, along with many other forest creatures to honor the new-born. The fawn rests at the side of his mother, who will be a loving, but stern guide to the ways of the forest.

The other animals call Bambi the "young prince". It soon becomes clear that he is the son of the Prince of the Forest, the eldest and bravest stag. His father is removed from all the commotion and stands high on a mountainside, an authoritarian figure looking down on all, uninvolved in the early raising of his child.

From these early scenes on, the viewer cannot help but be impressed at the tremendous fluidity of the animated characters, and the often complex scenes which feature ten or more animals all moving smoothly and independently of each other. There is a spectacular thunderstorm scene where this fluidity becomes quite literally translated to the screen as the rain begins to fall, bouncing off leaves, forming streamlets on the ground, and dropping into small pools.

Eventually, *Bambi's* mother takes him to the forest meadow, a place of great beauty which, she cautions, is coupled with great danger. That's an excellent metaphor for the entire film, as Disney clearly intends to show us that life is both happy and tragic, beautiful and dangerous.

True to this, it comes to pass that *Bambi's* mother is killed by unseen human hunters. In a heart-rending scene, *Bambi* wanders through a nighttime snowfall calling out for his lost mother. Suddenly his father appears, almost like a supernatural vision, and tells *Bambi* that he'll not see his mother ever again. Imagine the reaction that must leave with small children; the concept of the mortality of their own mothers and the possibility of permanent separation from them.

That's powerfully moving stuff.

It also serves to reinforce the superiority of the father figure

Who Knows and Who Cares?

by David Koman

Well, its a new semester at the NLC and I'd just like to take the opportunity to welcome all the second and third years back; WELCOME and say good luck to the new first years; GOOD LUCK. In a couple days you'll wish you chose another profession but if you're unlucky you'll be back next year.

Don't worry about not being able to find your way around, I still don't know where the first floor bathrooms are, or at least bathrooms with toilet paper in them. I was a first year last year. Yeah, I know, I can't even believe it myself, but I passed and I'm back for more. I think I'm a sadist. I think I'm crazy. My best advice for you is to get your Emmanuels and Gilberts right away.

So did everybody have a great summer? For me it was "workin' all summer just to try to earn a dollar," well more like \$6,150.00, to be exact, for tuition at this "almost top twenty law school." But, hey, we do have a new Dean. WELCOME JACK. I hope you enjoy the NLC as much as Jerry did.

and his dominance as patriarch, for that is not the only scene where he appears at a most desperate time to aid and guide the young prince.

We come to see *Bambi* grow into adulthood through a series of allegorical maturing events. He and his forest friends fall in love and take mates in a charming sequence. *Bambi* fights for his new-found love, Feline, against a belligerent rival to emerge victorious. When man returns to the forest, it is again

Did everybody have a cool job this summer? I was an "ambulance chaser" in Falls Church, Virginia. For you first years, that's a personal injury firm. I got to use certain legal words proficiently such as "aforesaid", "in the alternative", "and/or", "wanton disregard and recklessness", "pain and suffering and mental anguish", and "with great force and violence resulting in serious injury and permanent disfigurement".

Hey, has anyone noticed that the 3rd floor elevator actually stops at the 3rd & 1/3rd floor? Don'tcha think Otis Elevators suck? And how long do you think those message folders in the first floor lounge are gonna last? I'm giving it two weeks but then I don't want to get overly optimistic. And is Dean Valdez really going to cut off our hands if we write personal messages on the chalk boards? Isn't that cruel and unusual punishment? Call Amnesty International!

By the way, have you noticed that the Beach Boys haven't done anything in the past twenty years? These guys are living off their past, maybe they're tenured. Who Knows and Who Cares?

as an agent of destruction. *Bambi* defends Feline (could there be anything symbolic in that name?) against a vicious pack of hunting dogs; but upon securing her safety is himself wounded by a hunter's shot.

In the meantime, the hunters' campfire has started a raging forest fire which sends all the animals fleeing in terror. *Bambi's* father reappears again as

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Virginia (Cont'd)

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similar taxes you pay in your home state, but note that it can be quite pricey depending on how new your car is.

For those of you, who because of your loan situation must retain an out-of-state license, hence registration and insurance policy **DRIVE CAREFULLY**. People tend to drive a little nuts here. For

example, Virginians drive slowly and apply their breaks for no apparent reason. Marylanders drive very fast. D.C. drivers run red lights with impunity. Taxicabs and cars with diplomatic plates should be avoided at all costs.

But, keep in mind, accidents are costly and protections are slim.

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campaign. For the first time in recent memory Democrats throughout the country are embracing the Presidential ticket and are actively campaigning for it. In the words of Jesse Jackson, when the party is together we win when it is divided we lose. At the present time the prospects for a Democratic victory in November look good. The convention was not only a week of decadence but it also accomplished the goal of uniting the Democratic party. I can't wait to 1992, at least by then I'll have recovered from the 1988 convention.

Editors Note: The Advocate would welcome any student submission describing the Republican National Convention.

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the wounded Bambi lays seemingly helpless. As the flames draw dangerously close, the Prince commands his heir to rise and run with him. Bambi is almost magically revived and reaches safety, where he is reunited with Feline in a scene which is genuinely touching.

The story ends with Bambi's friends and their new young families gathered together to honor Feline's new-born twin princes. Yet Bambi is not to be seen. He now stands a detached figure alongside his father as they survey the scene from a mountain ledge. After a few moments, the father turns and departs. This signifies the passing the symbolic torch, and completes the film's cycle.

Every scene in this classic film is rendered with brilliant animation and dazzling colors. I was also quite impressed with the degree to which the animated characters could evoke strong emotional connections and responses, which demonstrates the genius underlying Disney's work.

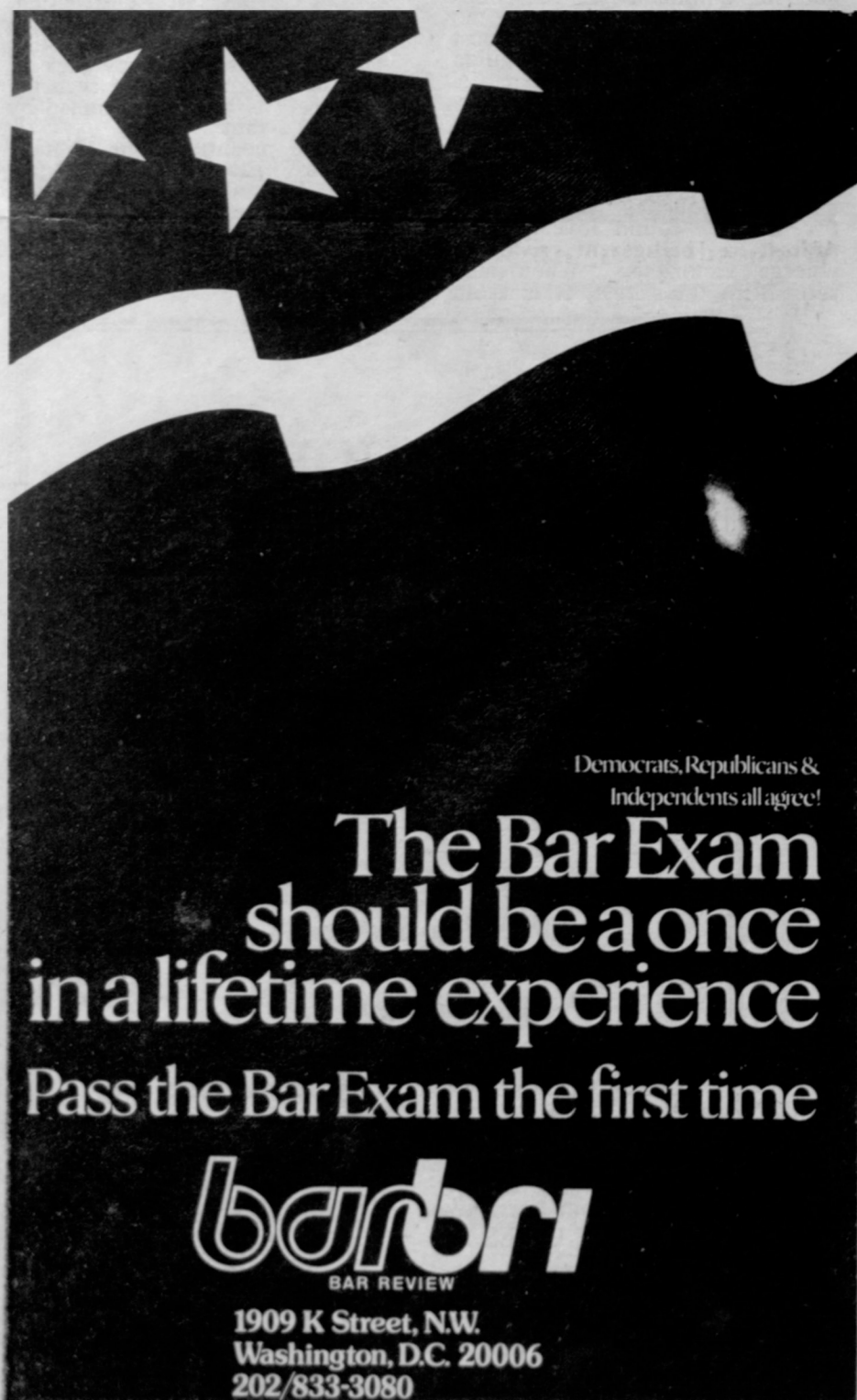
As an example, recall the canine heroes of *Lady and the Tramp* and *101 Dalmatians*. These characters invoked our

empathy and sympathy, while the dogs which attack Feline in *Bambi* encourage only loathing and inspire hatred. This ability to portray a subject on one occasion as wholly evil and the next as wholly good demonstrates the kind of power that animation can wield over an audience, and only Disney wields this power with such strength. Thus, it is that Disney can touch upon our deepest sense of moral right and wrong. This stands today as perhaps his greatest achievement.

Film Note

Who Framed Roger Rabbit? is currently playing at the Uptown Theater on Connecticut Avenue at the Cleveland Park Metro station.

I mention this because it is the only big screen theater in the District, and it's difficult to imagine seeing *Roger Rabbit* on anything but. The Uptown is also just a fun place to see a movie. It has a balcony and sports an art deco design inside and out. For what you pay to see films at shopping mall closet theaters, it's more than worth the trip to Cleveland Park and this vintage, old-time venue.



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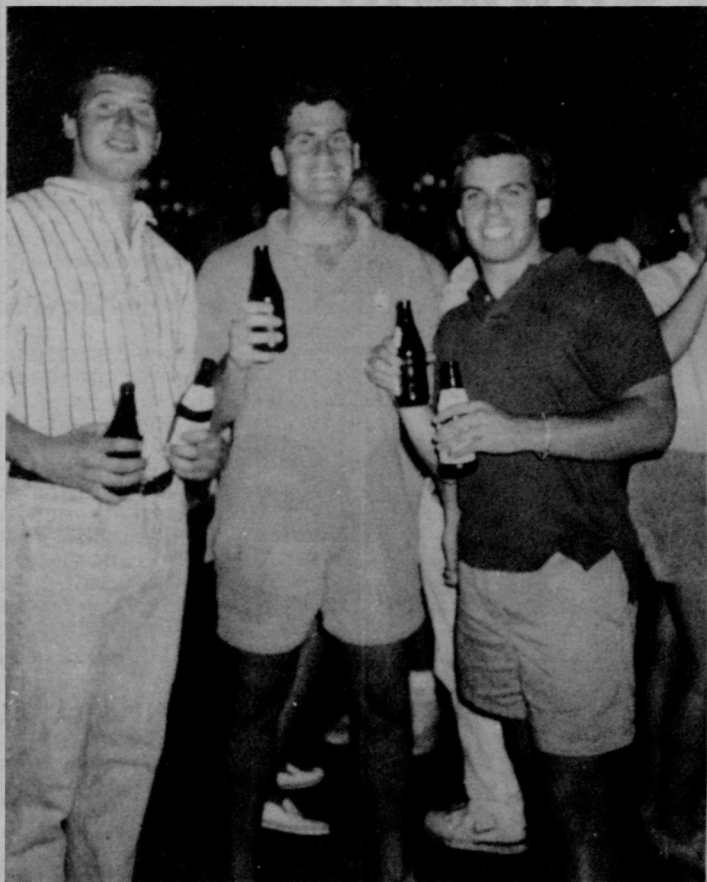
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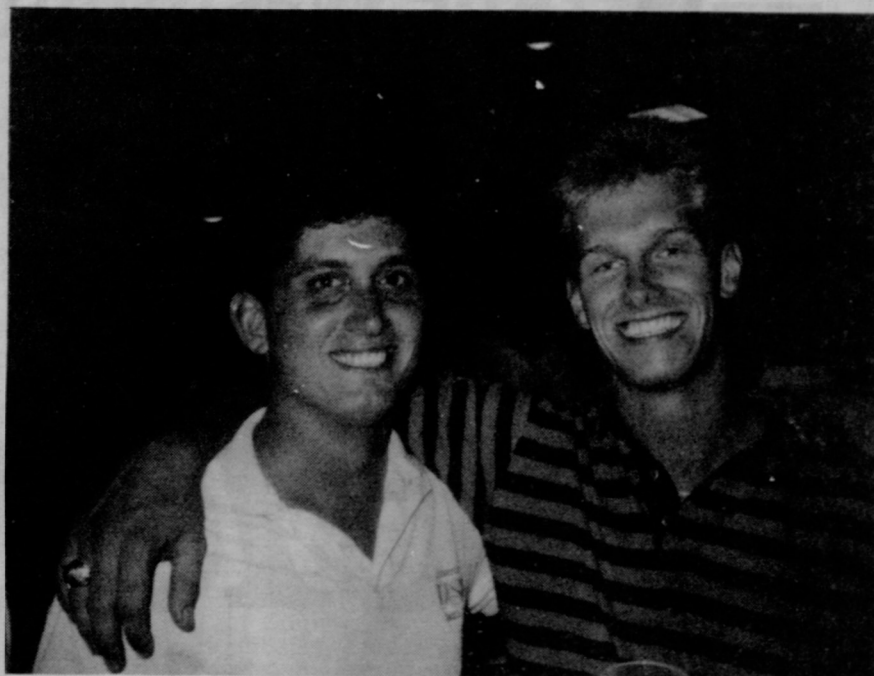
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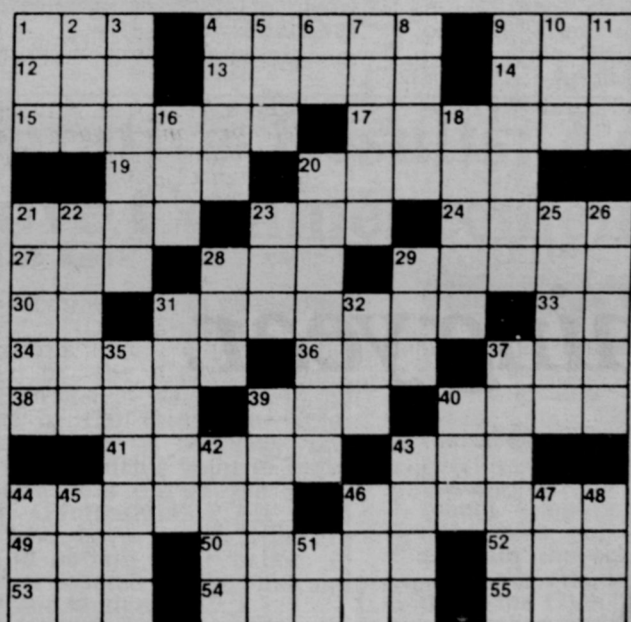


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